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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 13102

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CIEC, IN  
SUBJ: SUGGESTION BY GOI HEAD OF DELEGATION - CIEC

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH ECONCOUNS, V.K. AHUJA, SECRETARY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MEA, AND HEAD OF INDIAN DELEGATION TO CIEC, SAID HE WOULD BE IN PARIS ON THE 9TH TO TALK WITH SOME INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS. HE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE G-19 DISCUSSION ON THE 10TH AND 11TH AND THEN DEPART ON THE 12TH FOR MEXICO CITY. AMBASSADOR VAIDYA WOULD ATTEND REGULAR SESSION OF CIEC BEGINNING THE 13TH.

2. HE THOUGHT MOST COUNTRIES IN BOTH G-8 AND G-19 WANTED CIEC TALKS TO RESUME BUT HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THE DCs HAD POLITICAL WILL TO SEE DISCUSSIONS DEVELOP BEYOND THE TAKING STAGE.

3. AHUJA'S MAIN EMPHASIS IN DISCUSSION WAS ON FINDING SOME MEANS FOR TRANSFER OF RESOURCES MORE EQUITABLE TO LDCs. IN THIS REGARD HE OFFERED IDEA WHICH HE INSISTED WAS COMPLETELY HIS OWN AND WAS NOT OFFICIAL GOI OFFER. HE SUGGESTED THAT SOME MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENT TO CONVERT ALL OFFICIAL DEBTS DONOR COUNTRIES NOW HAVE WITH POORER LDCs TO  
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SOFT TERMS "ALONG LINES IDA" WOULD BE WORTH EXPLORING.

4. HIS ARGUMENTS WERE THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD PERMIT LONG-TERM PLANNING BY LDC'S VICE PRESIDENT ANNUAL RESCHEDULING EXERCISE. IT WOULD BE MULTILATERAL IN CONTEXT, AVOIDING INDIVIDUAL BILATERAL PROBLEMS (HE ESPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO INDIA'S PROBLEMS WITH THE PASSMAN/LONG COMMITTEE). IT WOULD ALSO AVOID STIGMA OF DEBT FORGIVENESS WHICH INDIA, WITH ITS RECORD OF PROMPT REPAYMENTS, DID NOT WANT. ECONCOUNS PROMISED RELAY IDEA TO DEPARTMENT UNOFFICIALLY AND INFORM AHUJA OF REACTION.

5. WE ARE NOT AWARE IF SUCH AN IDEA HAS BEEN FLOATED BEFORE AND, IF SO, WHAT USG REACTION WAS. WE FIND IT INTERESTING HERE BECAUSE IT IS PRESUMABLY BEING AUTHORED BY AHUJA WHO, IN LAST DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY, SEEMED TO TAKE STRONG UNCOMPROMISING STANCE IN SUPPORT OF G-19 POSITIONS IN CIEC. THAT HE IS NOW SUGGESTING ANY COMPROMISE IS IN OUR VIEW WORTH ENCOURAGING.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO AHUJA'S SUGGESTION. SAXBE

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